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By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION,
Prohibiting the Currency of Gold Coins, commonly called Broad Pieces.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS we have received Information, That the Gold Coins commonly called Broad Pieces, and the Halves and Quarters thereof, are, through Length of Time, and divers fraudulent Practices used to impair the same, much diminished in Value, by reason whereof such Coins are refused to be taken in many Kinds of Payments, to the great Inconvenience of Commerce, and Detriment of many of our loving Subjects; and whereas the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, and the Commissioners for Shires and Burghs, in Parliament aſſembled, have by their humble Adreſs beſought us, that we would be graciously pleaſed to iſſue our Royal Proclamation, to forbid any Perſons to receive or utter in Payment by Tale any of the Gold Coins of Twenty Five Shillings, or Twenty Three Shillings, commonly called Broad Pieces, or any Halves or Quarters thereof, and to direct the ſeveral Receivers and Collectors of our Revenues to receive the ſame by Weight, for the Space of one Year, at the Rate of Four Pounds and One Shilling per Ounce Troy; and that we would alſo be pleaſed to authorize and require the Officers of our Mint to allow Four Pounds and One Shilling per Ounce Troy to all ſuch Perſons as ſhould bring the ſaid Broad Pieces, or any Halves or Quarters thereof, into the Mint within the ſaid Time, and to coin the ſame into other current Gold Coins of this Kingdom: We, duly conſidering the Premiſſes, and being willing to comply with the Requeſt of our faithful Commons, have thought fit, with the Advice of our Privy Council, to iſſue this our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby declare and command, that from and after the Date hereof, no Piece or Pieces of Gold Coin of Twenty Five Shillings, or Twenty Three Shillings, commonly called Broad Pieces, or the Halves or Quarters thereof, ſhall paſs or be current in any Payment whatſoever by Tale. And we do hereby ſtrictly prohibit and forbid all and every Perſon and Perſons whatſoever, from and after the Date hereof, to receive or utter in Payment by Tale any of the ſaid Gold Coins. And we being deſirous, as much as in us lies, to give Eaſe to our People, and to prevent their ſuſtaining any conſiderable Loſs on account of the Currency of ſuch Gold Coins being prohibited, do hereby charge and command all the Collectors and Receivers of our Revenues and Taxes, for and during the Space of one Year from the Date hereof, to receive ſuch Gold Coins at the Rate of Four Pounds and one Shilling per Ounce Troy in all Payments on account of ſuch Revenues or Taxes: And we do alſo authorize, command, and require the Officers of our Mint within the ſaid Time

to receive all ſuch Gold Coins as aforeſaid, as ſhall be brought into our ſaid Mint by any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, and to coin the ſame into other current Gold Coins of this our Kingdom of Great Britain, and to allow for ſuch Gold Coins, ſo to be brought in, after the ſaid Rate of Four Pounds and one Shilling per Ounce Troy. And we do hereby ſtrictly charge and command all our Receivers, Collectors, Officers, and other our Subjects whatſoever, that they do pay due Obedience to our Royal Commands in the Premiſſes, upon Pain of our high Diſpleaſure, and of ſuch Punishments as may by Law be inflicted for their Default or Contempt in this behalf.

Given at our Court at St. James's the Twenty First Day of February 1732, and in the Sixth Year of our Reign.

God ſave the KING.

Westminster, February 22.

His Maſteſty came this Day to the Houſe of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes, ſeated on the Throne with the uſual Solemnity, Sir Charles Dalton, Gentleman Uſher of the Black Rod, was ſent with a Meſſage from His Maſteſty to the Houſe of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the Houſe of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, His Maſteſty was pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to,

An Act for continuing the Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder and Perry, in that Part of Great-Britain called England; and for granting to His Maſteſty certain Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder and Perry, in that Part of Great-Britain called Scotland, for the Service of the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and thirty three; and for giving further Time to Clerks and Apprentices to pay Duties omitted to be paid for their Indentures and Contracts.

An Act to allow a further Time to John Thomson to appear, and produce the Books and diſcover the Effects of the Charitable Corporation for Relief of Induſtrious Poor by aſſiſting them with ſmall Sums upon Pledges at legal Inter-eſt, and to be examined thereupon at the Times and Places fixed in the Bill; and for allowing the ſaid John Thomson a Proportion out of the Effects of the ſaid Corporation, which he ſhall diſcover, and for preventing fraudulent releaſing or aſſigning any Debt due from George Robinson or the ſaid John Thomson, or either of them.

And to One private Bill.

St. James's, Feb. 20. This Day Count Kinſky, Ambaſſadour from the Emperour, had a private Audience of his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales; to which he was introduced by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Maſter of the Ceremonies.

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